

Beach Sands.

A party of chauffeurs were walking along Cape May beach. One of them picked up a handful of sand and said: "Why is it that one beach is firm enough for motor cars, while another is so soft a child can hardly walk on it?" "The sand in your hand answers that question," the second chauffeur replied. "See how fine it is." The sand was, indeed, as fine as dust, as fine as talcum powder. "The finer a sand is the more closely it will pack and, by consequence, the firmer surface it will offer," went on the second chauffeur. "This fine sand here makes a roadbed many feet in depth—a roadbed you couldn't pack more closely if you rolled it a hundred years with a hundred ton roller. Study the sand at Long Branch or Asbury Park. It is prettier than this. It is made of separate grains that you can readily distinguish. Each is a perfect cube, white or black or red—a beautiful clear colored shape that it is a pleasure to look at. Each is about fifty times bigger than the Cape May grains; hence the sand of Asbury Park or Long Branch won't pack down, won't make a firm roadbed. There is only one place in the country where the sand is finer than at Cape May, and that place is Bermuda."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Modesty of Hokusai.

Young artists, not gaining distinction early, have had various instances to quote as showing that mastery performance often came late in life. In Horra Amaden's book on Japanese art is set forth that this is what the celebrated Japanese artist Hokusai wrote about himself: "From the age of thirty I had a mania for drawing the forms of things. By the time I was fifty I had published an infinity of designs, but all I have produced before the age of seventy is not worth taking into account. At seventy-five I learned a little about the real structure of nature—of animals, plants and trees, birds, fishes and insects. In consequence, when I am eighty I shall have made still more progress. At ninety I shall penetrate the mystery of things, and at a hundred I shall certainly have reached a marvelous stage, and when I have lived everything I do—be it but a line or a dot—will be alive. I beg those who meet me as long as I do to see if I do not keep my word." Hokusai died in 1849 at the age of eighty-nine.

Why Rossini Wept.

When Meyerbeer died his son composed a funeral march which "remembered his dead father." Full of emotion, the young man took it to Rossini. "Play it, maestro," he pleaded; "play it, I wrote it in expression of my grief and mourning for my dead father." Rossini took it up, placed it on his organ and played it. Tears rolled down his cheeks. Utter sadness dwelt upon his countenance.

"You weep," cried young Meyerbeer, "aside himself with joy at the effect are you the great master."

"Yes, I weep," rejoined Rossini amid a gasp. "And why?"

"Because," replied Rossini, "I am not a father who you were dead and it was better father who had written the funeral march."

Why? When Christine Nilsson, the great eyes singer, was asked her opinion of vagabond singers, she gave it very candidly have every one, including herself and More ne. Alhani, but she never once alluded to Mme. Patti.

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his point, said Mme. Nilsson, "I have not party are asking about singers. I do not flatter and Patti as a singer. I place her Bill," long the angels. A Patti only comes Romana planet once during that planet's hope Gestece." Such an absence of stage been thousy has probably never been time baled.

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The Perfect Pan.

A perfect pan meets with a click like the blades of a sharp pair of shears. Sometimes the very thoughts of flight together in antagonistic identity, as when the man said of the temperance exhorter that he would be a good fellow if he would only let drink alone, or when Disraeli (if it was he) wrote to the youth who had sent him a first novel: "I thank you very much. I shall lose no time in reading it," or as when a man, seeing a poor piece of carpentry, said, "That chicken coop looks as if some man had made it himself." Exquisite perverse literalness of thought! And the same absolute punning, the very self destruction of a proposition, was the old death thrust at a poor poet by the friend who said, "His poetry will be read when Shakespeare and Homer are forgotten." It was a fine double edged blade of speech until some crude fellow, Helne, I think, sharpened it to a wire edge by adding, "and not till then," a banality that dulled its perfection forever.—J. A. Macy in Atlantic.

Remarkable Lunar Rainbow.

I recall many lunar rainbows during the half century since I was an observant boy and, if memory serves me, one double lunar rainbow. But the most perfect of these bows that I recall I saw on the edge of Darlington, S. C. I was in a road leading north, with extensive fields east and west; hence my opportunity. The full moon had just risen above the tops of the distant woods, and the bow in the west was perfect. The span of the bow was materially less than the span of a sun rainbow, but its depth, or thickness, was proportionately much greater. The rainbow colors were distinct, but pale, as if the arch were built of pale mother-of-pearl, and they changed and faded less rapidly than the sun rainbows I have seen.

When in camp on John's Island, South Carolina, I saw a brilliant sun rainbow with one foot of the arch so near we could stand on it or pass behind and in front of it, but we did not "dig for gold."—Macon Cor. Scientific American.

Nelson's Famous Signal.

It is a fact that Nelson's famous signal to the fleet at Trafalgar was in its original form, "England 'confides' (not 'expects') that every man will do his duty." This is the story as given by Captain Pasco, Nelson's flag lieutenant on the Victory: "His lordship came to me on the poop, and after ordering certain signals to be made about a quarter to noon he said, 'Mr. Pasco, I wish to say to the fleet, 'England confides that every man will do his duty.' And he added, 'You must be quick, for I have one more to make, which is for close action.' I replied, 'If your lordship will permit me to substitute 'expects' for 'confides,' the signal will soon be completed, because the word 'expects' is in the vocabulary, whereas 'confides' must be spelled.' His lordship replied in haste and with seeming satisfaction, 'That will do, Pasco; make it directly.' And the famous signal was made.—London Chronicle.

There Was a Limit.

An Irishman one day went into the shop of a barber to get shaved. After being properly seated and the lather about half applied the barber was called to an adjoining room, where he was detained for some time. The barber had in the shop as a pet a monkey, which was continually imitating its master. As soon as the latter left the room the monkey grabbed the brush and proceeded to finish lathering the Irishman's face. After doing this he took a razor from its case and stropped it and then turned to the Irishman to shave him.

"Stop that!" said Pat. "Ye can tuck the towel in me neck and put the soap on me face, but, begorra, yer father's got to shave me!"

Louis the Great's Shoe.

Louis the Great had even and tolerably regular features without any strongly marked characteristics. By all his contemporaries he is spoken of as a tall man, but he had a way of raising his head, surmounted by the monstrous wig he wore, and of swelling his chest that created the impression of height, for when the sepulchers of the kings were violated by the convention and his body was dragged out of his coffin it was measured and found a trifle over 5 feet 6 inches.

A Fortune in His Leg.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth an English gentleman of wealth named Corbet, of a distinguished family near Shrewsbury, bet that his leg was the handsomest in the country or kingdom and staked estates worth £80,000 on the subject. He won the wager, and a picture is still preserved in the family mansion representing the process of measuring the legs of the different contestants.

Not Encouraging.

"But," said the persistent suitor, "if I were to prove to you that I would go to the ends of the earth for you?"

"First," replied the Boston girl, "you would have to prove to me that the earth really has ends, and that, you know, is quite impossible."—Philadelphia Press.

Virtue.

Virtue is more to man than either water or fire. I have seen men die from treading on water and fire, but I have never seen a man die from treading the course of virtue.—Confucius.

Concerning Shoes.

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